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In re U.S. Patent Application of Bye )  
Application No: 09/864,383 )  
Filed: May 25, 2001 ) Group Art Unit 3623  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD AND ) Examiner: Johnna R. Stimpak  
INTERFACE FOR EVALUATING A )  
SUPPLY BASE OF A SUPPLY CHAIN )

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2004, please enter the following response. The Examiner set a three-month period for response, thus making this Amendment due on or before October 12, 2004. The Applicant is requesting a one-month extension. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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